MAGATSUHI
IN ANCIENT TIMES, BEFORE THE DAYS OF GODS, MANKIND WAS LOCKED IN A CONSTANT POWER STRUGGLE.
IT WAS A TIME WHERE THE GODS LIVED DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS.
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シュルルル
These ones are still little.
Stop.
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MAGATSUHI

YAMASHIRO YOSHIFUMI

hah
hah
hah
PRIN-
CESS!
THIS
WAY,
QUICKLY!
!
ARE,
ARE YOU
AL-
RIGHT?
hah
hah
LORD
SAITOU'S
DOMAIN IS
JUST
OUTSIDE
OF THIS
FOREST,
IF WE CAN
MAKE IT...
!?
DID YOU
THINK
YOU
COULD
GET
AWAY?
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A-
AHH!
ドス
Don't stick your nose into this mess.
Stop right there.
クッ
Weren't we going to not deal with them ever again?
Kagachi...
Al-right?

DON'T MOVE.
EEEK.
PR-PRIN-CESS!
PRE-PARE YOURS-
THAT DOESN'T MATTER. SIT STILL IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE
AND YOU ARE?

Shit!! This is becoming quite the mess.
?
YOU WILL BE SILENT.
THAT VOICE ..
IT CAN'T BE
YOU'RE ALIVE?
HEY, WAI-
...

YOU FOOL.
DID I NOT TELL YOU TO STAY STILL?!
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I DON'T BELIEVE ANYONE IN THAT CASTLE COULD HAVE KILLED ONE OF US...
WHAT?
humph
DOESN'T HAVING A WORTHY OPPONENT JUST MAKE EVERYTHING MORE EXCITING?
I.. I SMELL ...
SOME-THING...
FAMIL-IAR ..
NO.. WAIT...

CAN WE REST HERE FOR A BIT?
haah
haah
haah
ONE OF THE DEVIL'S MASKS
WHA-, WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT THING?
AND THEY HAVE USED THAT POWER FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS IN THE DARKNESS BEHIND REBELLIONS AND ASSASSINATIONS.
A TYPE OF GOD CALLED MAGATSUHI THAT YOU LODGE INTO YOUR FLESH TO OBTAIN AN UNREAL AMOUNT OF POWER.
THEY'RE A CLAN THAT WILL DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY
YOU SEEM TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT THEM.
...
WHAT ABOUT YOU TWO?

I'M THE DAUGHTER OF MIYOSHI TATSUMASA, THE LORD OF SUNAGA CASTLE.
OUR DOMAIN IS AT WAR, AND OUR CASTLE HAS BEEN CONQUERED.
AND WE WERE IN THE MIDST OF GOING TO MY GRANDFATHER'S KINGDOM WHICH IS NEXT TO OURS
Hah, that happens all the time.
!
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY, WOMAN?
UH, NO, THAT WASN'T ME...
It was me!
Damn humans, no matter how many thousands of years pass they never get anywhere.

Know your place!
!
You who were cowering before the others!
A, A MON-STER!? SO YOU ARE ONE OF THEM?
Gahahhaah! What power you have!
JAHARAMARU, BEHAVE YOUR-SELF.
Owowow owowow wowowo wow!
What the fuck are you doing?
SHUT UP!! IT HURTS ME TOO YOU KNOW!
Then don't do it!
Look, you're starting to cry.
HEY, STOP MESS-ING AROUND.
HEITA, LOWER YOUR SWORD.
... PRIN-CESS.
IF THESE TWO WERE WITH THEM THEN THEY WOULDN'T HAVE SAVED US.

I THANK YOU FOR SAVING US.
YOU TWO MUST BE NICE PEOPLE.
NO.
Gahahaha, looks like the brat doesn't understand.
NOT LIKE THAT...
I'M...
I'M...
... Kaga-chi.

HAHA-
HAHA-
HAHA-
HA-
HAHA!
SO YOU
REALLY
ARE
ALIVE,
KAGA-
CHI!

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WA AH!

AAH!
AHAHAHA-HAHA-HAHA!
I'M SO GLAD THAT YOU'RE ALIVE, KAGA-CHI!

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I'VE BEEN DREAMING OF THE DAY I'D GET TO KILL YOU!

Kaga-
chi!
WHY DID YOU BETRAY US?!
YOU, WHO WERE THE MOST FAITHFUL OF US ALL!

SO... SHE WAS...
IT WON'T WORK.
SWORDS DO NOT WORK ON MY FLESH.
DO NOT TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN?
THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO CAN LEAVE THE DEVIL'S MASKS ARE THE DEAD!
AND WHY ARE YOU ALIVE, AND IN THIS PLACE!?

Hey, how long are you going to let them talk shit?
Just hold on.
No!
SO YOU THOUGHT IF YOU SAVED THIS ONE LITTLE GIRL,
THAT ALL YOUR SINS WOULD BE FORGIVEN?
HA-HA-HA-HA!
I TOOK THE LIVES OF MANY INNOCENTS WHEN MY LORDS TOLD ME TO DO SO.
!
I NEVER WONDERED WHY OR WHAT FOR, AND WAS JUST A PUPPET OF THE ORGANIZATION...
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BUT, MY HANDS ARE ALREADY MUCH TOO DIRTY FROM BACK THEN...
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WHEN I REALIZED THIS, I LEFT THE DEVIL'S MASKS.

I WILL NOT FOLLOW ANYONE'S ORDERS TO TAKE THE LIVES OF INNOCENTS EVER AGAIN!
BUT EVEN SO...
I DO NOT THINK I WILL BE FORGIVEN NOW.
AND I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN
RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME!

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WAAAAAAAAH!
WHA-!?
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HE-, HEITA.
AAAAAAAH!
YAAAAH!
YOU BAS-TARD!

ALRIGHT JAHARA-MARU, I'VE HAD ENOUGH
ドゴオ

I AM NOT LIKE THE REST OF YOU ASS-HOLES!
I HAVE,
CON-SUMED A GOD OF THE HEAVENS!
HE WHO POS-SESSES EIGHT FACES AND EIGHT TAILS,
THE OROCHI!

THAT'S NOT ...

WHAT'S THIS
THIS OVER-WHELMING POWER ...
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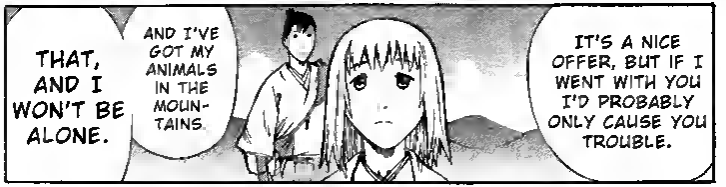
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU?
WHAT IN THE HELL IS YOUR MAGAT-SUHI!?
THE LORDS NEVER SAID ANY-THING ABOUT ...

IT'S FUTILE.
THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TOLD YOU OF THE LOWER CLASS...
YOUR KIND CAN NEVER DEFEAT US.
I COULD NEVER STAND HOW YOU LOOK DOWN ON PEOPLE.
I WILL TAKE YOUR HEAD ...
I COULD ...

AND CLIMB EVEN HIGHER!
...HUH?
That won't happen.
ボッ!ボッ!!
Because...
You are weak.

YOU HAVE DONE US A GREAT SERVICE, HOW SHALL WE EVER THANK YOU?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, I DON'T MIND.

SO YOU REALLY WON'T COME WITH US?
IF YOU GO BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN YOU'LL BE ALONE AND...
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM.
Be grateful to us!! Be indebted to us forever!


IT'S A NICE OFFER, BUT IF I WENT WITH YOU I'D PROBABLY ONLY CAUSE YOU TROUBLE.
AND I'VE GOT MY ANIMALS IN THE MOUNTAINS.
THAT, AND I WON'T BE ALONE.

KAGACHI AND JAMARU'S JOURNEY WILL BE CONTINUED...

THE END

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